APPROVED

The Exploris School

Minutes

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday February 27, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Location
The Exploris School: Elementary Campus
17 S Swain St, Raleigh, NC 27601, USA
5th Grade Classroom

Directors Present
E. Buchan, E. Grunden (remote), P. President (remote), S. Darroch, S. Scipione (remote), T. Void

Directors Absent
G. Bayo, W. McLamb

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Brown (remote), E. Burton, J. Corbat

Guests Present
K. Morgan

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

S. Darroch called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Thursday Feb 27, 2025 at 4:42 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

T. Void made a motion to approve the minutes from January board meeting The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 01-23-25.
E. Grunden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Public Comment

No public comment offered.

II. Committee Reports

A. Governance

Deborah discussed proposed statement in regards to equity policies. Motion made by Tasha Void made to consider statement, seconded by Ed Buchan. Josh Corbat read draft statement to board. Board approved statement with no changes. Deborah went on to discuss teacher recruiting efforts and indicated there are several strong candidates. Deborah, also discussed the Foundation placing Susan Singer in the position as Foundation Chair. .

Josh discussed proposed changes to the lottery process - including allowing grandchildren of board members to have priority in the lottery and expanding lottery priority for applicant siblings.

E. Grunden made a motion to Approve Susan Singer as the Foundation chair.
E. Buchan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
E. Buchan made a motion to Direct the amendment of the bylaws to include the Foundation chair as an Exofficio with board voting rights.
E. Grunden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
E. Buchan made a motion to Approve 2 new teaching candidates.
T. Void seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
E. Buchan made a motion to Accept proposed changes to lottery system.
E. Grunden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B.

Finance

Koren discussed financial report, including ongoing tax preparations. Stephen pointed out the school remains in a strong financial position.
T. Void made a motion to Accept financial report.
E. Buchan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Educational Excellence

Josh discussed updated educational benchmark data for all grade levels. Overall positive trends and accomplishments.

D. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Nothing to report.

E. Director Evaluation & Support

Nothing to report.

F. Facilities

Josh provided update. Due diligence process continues for potential new campus sites. Kindly St location still being evaluated from a TIA perspective. Stephen asked about how vouchers would impact Exploris. Josh described how the voucher funding system works (i.e. public funds would be used for private schools in these cases).

G. Kaizen

Tasha provided the update from the January meeting, which included FAM-S data. Set up outcomes and goals for the Spring months.

III. Meeting Items

A. Directors Report

Josh referenced benchmark data and discussed aspects of exchange program. Board also discussed resignation of Mary and long-term sub Sharice. Josh discussed applicant numbers, which have increased 528 from 519. A plan has been implemented to increase application submissions, including "Meet the Teacher" opportunities, informal discussion via Slack. Discussed the need to potentially have sports, music programs, etc...to improved submission trends.
E. Grunden made a motion to accept agreement with Japanese exchange school.
T. Void seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
T. Void made a motion to accept resignation of Mary and hiring of long-term sub Sharice.
E. Grunden seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Board Business

Stephen discussed the importance of committees and how they can connect with parents and the community.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Buchan